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**ADDRESSES**

**TO**

**HIS EXCELLENCY**

**THE GOVERNOR IN CHIEF,**

**FROM**

**DIFFERENT PARTS**

**OF**

**LOWER-CANADA,**

**WITH**

**HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWERS.**

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To HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable  
GEORGE, EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-  
housie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand  
Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order  
of the Bath, Captain General and Governor  
in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower  
and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE the subscribers, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal sub-  
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the Province of Lower Canada, beg leave most respectfully  
to approach your Excellency upon the occasion of the late  
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We have seen the Revenue of our sister Province of Up-  
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the English portion of the Province, refused to the reiterated prayers of its inhabitants, notwithstanding the recommendation of the government in its favor, under this pretext amongst others, that such Registries are incompatible with French and feudal Laws, and this notwithstanding the beneficence of the Imperial Parliament, which has enacted that these French Laws shall not operate upon lands under English tenures. We have even seen measures adopted by the House of Assembly to obtain the repeal of this beneficent Act of the Imperial Parliament, whereby the unrepresented English Inhabitants of the Townships would be placed in a still more calamitous situation than at present; and we cannot but perceive that the scope and tendency of the course pursued by the Assembly of Lower Canada must render this extensive Province, chiefly waste and unsettled at present, unfit for the object which the Mother Country must have most at heart, namely, that it should afford the means of advantageous settlement to British Emigrants, and constitute an asylum and a home for her surplus population.

But although we had observed with melancholy presentiments the tendency of the course adopted, which, from the defective state of our representation, derived only from the Seigniories, was unalterable, except by some interposition of the Parent Country, (such as occurred to repress the injustice attempted towards Upper Canada, we were nevertheless not prepared for so sudden an exhibition of the spirit of domination, so haughty a disregard of the Prerogatives of the Crown, and so wanton a violation of the Constitution under which alone they exist, as has been manifested by the Assembly immediately before the recent Prorogation.

We feel deeply that it has been to the power and Prerogatives of the Crown that, under Providence, we must chiefly ascribe the preservation of those characteristics by which this Province can be distinguished as an English Colony. We feel these Prerogatives and power, necessary to good Government throughout the British dominions, must be, to us in this Province more essential, as constituting our chief refuge in danger, our strong tower of defence against feudal ascendancy, and our sole reliance against anarchy and confusion.

For your Excellency's measures and determination to uphold these just and necessary Prerogatives, in their due and



legal efficiency, we beg leave gratefully to express our heartfelt thanks. We cannot doubt that these measures will meet the decided approbation of our beloved and most Gracious Sovereign, to whom, and to the Parent Country we can alone look, under Providence, for the future establishment of a state of things such as may render this Province a secure and desirable asylum for our fellow subjects from Britain.

While we thus gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's sense of duty in supporting the most essential Prerogatives of the Crown, and your unabated zeal for the welfare and improvement of the Country, amidst unhappy divisions, calculated to paralyze your laudable efforts, and while we also recollect the blessings experienced by the Sister Province of Nova-Scotia under your Administration, we cherish the hope that the recent proceedings of the House of Assembly may induce His Majesty's Government to take our situation into their serious consideration, with the view of speedily repairing the defects and correcting the errors which past experience, and the recent assumptions of the Assembly have tended to expose. And we also fervently cherish the hope that the firmness and energy which have marked your Lordship's conduct on this and other important occasions, will not be relaxed in the present arduous circumstances of your Administration, which we trust will be long, and distinguished by obtaining an effectual remedy to our grievances.

Amidst these hopes, derived from your character and conduct, we feel assured that your Excellency will experience the noblest of all rewards, not only in the approbation of our Gracious and beloved Sovereign, but in the consciousness of having discharged the duties of your exalted station, for the welfare and prosperity of His Majesty's faithful subjects.

[Signed by upwards of 7000 persons.]

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## ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

The circumstances which called for the late sudden prorogation of the Provincial Parliament, were truly such as might well produce feelings of deep and painful solicitude in the minds of all the respectable classes of society. In this Address you have traced most justly the mischievous tendency

of the measures pursued for years past in the Provincial House of Assembly; although the effect of these measures has been long felt in the total stop put to the progress of public improvement, I look upon that as nothing when compared with the recent more daring attempt to deny the Royal Prerogative, not a doubtful right, nor a mere form of empty words, but a prerogative unquestionably established and universally known, disputed once at a remote early period in the British Parliament, frequently objected to in the Colonial Assemblies, it has been in every instance most clearly and firmly established.

I cannot believe, that this recent Act of the Assembly sprung out of ignorance; some of the leaders of the factious measures pursued in that body are well informed men, and for that reason it becomes the duty of all to stand forward who value the blessings they enjoy under the British Constitution.

In these feelings, gentlemen, I receive this Address with no ordinary satisfaction; I think it peculiarly well timed at this moment, I admire the comprehensive view it takes of the past and present circumstances of public affairs, and the moderation with which it speaks of the misfortunes now flowing from that very source from whence the Executive Government should derive support and obtain the means of encouraging public improvement; but above all, I admire and applaud that dutiful confidence with which so large a number of the respectable inhabitants in the District of Montreal appeal to His Majesty's Government, to correct the errors and repair the defects which past experience has now exposed.

I deeply regret, gentlemen, that I cannot personally lay your Address at His Majesty's feet, so sincerely do I desire to add to it the utmost weight which my station amongst you might give to it; nothing that I can urge, however, shall be wanting to recommend the sentiments and opinions expressed in it to the immediate and favorable consideration of His Majesty's Secretary of State.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the gratifying approbation which you express of my own conduct in the recent proceedings. My duty is very plain, and I beg you to be assured, that it shall be my constant study so to act that while I firmly maintain the Prerogative of the Crown, I shall always, as faithfully, guard the Rights of the People.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable  
 GEORGE EARL DALHOUSIE, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the City and Vicinity of Quebec, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing the entire satisfaction we have derived from the firm and dignified conduct evinced by your Excellency, on the recent meeting of the Legislature of this Province, in the judicious exercise of the Royal Prerogative, by the disallowance of the Speaker, chosen by the House of Assembly, and in the Prorogation of the House on their subsequent proceedings.

The Prerogative of His Majesty, to disallow the Election of a Speaker of the House, we maintain to be incontestible and co-ordinate with the right of approval of that choice.

We deeply regret in common with other of His Majesty's subjects, solicitous for the welfare, peace and Constitutional Government of this part of His Majesty's Dominions, that a sufficient regard for established authority and for the Public Interest was not found in the Majority of the House of Assembly to have restrained them from their pertinacious perseverance in the Election of the person disallowed by your Lordship: and while we view the interruption of Public Business by the Prorogation of the Legislature as a most serious evil to the Province, we are at the same time fully satisfied that under the circumstances, there was no alternative left for your Lordship, on this uncommon and trying occasion.

The occurrences which have rendered the Prorogation unavoidable, as well as the frequent difficulties which have

arisen in the Provincial Legislature for some years past, we feel to be most injurious to the happiness and welfare of the Province; and having arrived at this crisis, may we venture humbly to express our hope that your Excellency will make such representations to His Majesty's Government as will call for their immediate enquiry, in order to apply a remedy to the existing evil, that we may enjoy in tranquillity, the inestimable blessings and advantages of our connection with the Mother Country, and of our happy Constitution?

We cannot conclude this expression of our sentiments, without assuring your Excellency of our unalterable determination to afford your Excellency all the support in our power, in maintaining His Majesty's Prerogative and the Constitution of this Province, as by Law established.

[Signed by upwards of 2,700 persons.]

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### ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

While I have the happiness to receive Addresses from almost all parts of the Province, in approbation of my conduct in the late sudden Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament, there is none which can afford me greater satisfaction than this Address from the Inhabitants of the City and vicinity of Quebec.

Living in the midst of them, and observed by them more closely in all the measures of the Administration of Government, I feel that they are perhaps better qualified than others to judge of the circumstances under which I have acted; and I am, therefore, the more gratified by this expression of their approbation. I entirely agree with you that at the crisis to which the existence of the Constitutional Government has been brought, some immediate and effectual remedy is called for; and I shall not fail to make the most earnest representations to His Majesty's Government; in which I shall feel myself strongly supported by this Address from the City of Quebec.

I accept with great satisfaction the promises of support to His Majesty's Government which you have now offered; I still confidently look forward to that coming day, when all



hearts in this Province will loyally unite in protecting the Constitution, and resisting the encroachments of a Faction, which, though small in number, has set itself up as the voice of the whole country. The people of the Province have been deceived and misled; but truth will prevail, and they will at last see the real cause from whence so much difficulty and so much mischief has arisen.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and their several dependencies :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of Three Rivers, deeming it necessary, in the present critical conjuncture, to avail ourselves of the right of Britons to meet and consult together when our dearest rights and most valuable privileges are menaced, beg permission to approach your Excellency with the result of our deliberations, in the firm but respectful expectation, that, should your Excellency consider the genuine unprejudiced sentiments of so large a portion of His Majesty's faithful subjects worthy of attention, you will be pleased to lay them before

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the Imperial Government of our beloved Sovereign ; being, in our humble opinion, the only source whence we can now expect relief from the many public evils of which we complain, and under which we have too long been labouring.

Should your Excellency condescend to peruse the Resolutions which we have now the honor of presenting, and which were carried by the acclamations of one of the most numerous public meetings that ever took place in our part of the Province, it will be found that our grounds of complaint, against the popular branch of the Provincial Legislature, are no less weighty than numerous. We complain, generally, that that body have assumed and arrogated to themselves powers which were neither conferred, nor intended to be conferred upon them by the Constitution, and which, if admitted, would inevitably destroy the whole fabrick of our social compact. We complain, particularly that they have refused to co-operate with the other branches of the Legislature in granting to His Majesty's subjects in this Province, that security of property which is so pre-eminently enjoyed in every other part of the empire ; that they have refused to enfranchise fifty thousand of His Majesty's loyal subjects in the Townships, entitled to all the privileges of British subjects ; that they have not only refused to grant supplies in aid of the funds at the disposal of His Majesty for defraying the expences of the Civil Administration of Justice and of the support of the Civil Government in this Province, but have arrogated to themselves the sole right of disposing of and appropriating those funds, though secured to His Majesty by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, viz. the 14th George III. chapter 88.; that it is principally owing to their groundless pretensions and unparalleled usurpations on this subject, the civil miseries of this Province are mainly to be attributed ; and that unless speedily checked by the firm arm of the supreme authority of the Mother Country, we may yet live to record and to lament transactions the most dangerous to the welfare of our Civil Government and society, and scenes the most disgraceful to virtuous and loyal citizens. We also complain, that they have refused to admit your Excellency's negative upon their choice of Speaker, and persisted in declaring that choice absolute without the approbation of your Excellency ; thus denying an undoubted Prerogative of the Crown and an inherent principle of the Constitution ; and that their uni-



form disregard and contempt of your Excellency's recommendations, even when accompanied by instructions and despatches from His Majesty's Paternal Government, betray a spirit no less destructive of the supremacy of the Mother Country, than hurtful and prejudicial to the true interests of His Majesty's loyal subjects in this Province. We complain, moreover, that a leading and influential party amongst them, untrue to their duty as representatives of a free people, and disregarding that generous spirit of conciliation which should ever characterize the people of this Province, and permanently unite them in one bond of national feeling and sentiment, avail themselves of every means and opportunity to institute civil and religious distinctions for purposes as unworthy of true patriotism as detrimental to the happiness and prosperity of this part of the British Empire.

These, may it please your Excellency, are our complaints. They might have been magnified and extended; but no courage can gainsay, no ingenuity can controvert them. If we have spoken boldly, we have also spoken truly; and truth, my Lord, is the best Counsellor in times of public danger, and the best safeguard of a free people, even when misrule stalks through the country.

But in availing ourselves of our right to complain, we must not forget that there are other duties equally incumbent upon us. It is therefore, with the most unfeigned and heartfelt gratitude that we beg permission to offer to your Excellency the sincere tribute of our thanks for having on so many important occasions maintained the honor and dignity of the exalted situation which you fill with such general approbation; and, in particular, for having, with a firmness peculiar to your rank and station, shielded our Constitution from some of the most daring attacks that were ever contemplated by any legislative body, either metropolitan or provincial; for having withstood encroachments of the popular branch of the Legislature of this Province no less derogatory to the established prerogatives of the Crown, than subversive of that system of Government which has exalted us in freedom and renown above every other nation; and thus, in a manner, standing between us and anarchy the most alarming. To recapitulate, indeed, the many instances of your Excellency's Constitutional conduct both as an Executive Magistrate and Legislative Governor which this Province has witnessed, would be to detail every act of your administration since the era of

your Excellency's arrival amongst us. But into such a detail, however agreeable to our sentiments and pleasing to our feelings we shall not at present enter: satisfying ourselves with a grateful remembrance of them, and a confident hope that the time is far distant when we shall be deprived of services so well calculated to promote the general prosperity of the Province, and, if that were possible, axalt our veneration for the justice, equity and generosity of His Majesty's Paternal Government.

Again we beg leave to thank—sincerely to thank your Excellency for all you have done towards the preservation of our dearest and most valuable rights, and to assure you, that the accomplishment of our humble desires on the present occasion, will be a lasting memorial no less of our affection for a Sovereign and Government ever great, liberal, just, and beneficent, than of those obligations under which your Excellency's public and private virtues have so peculiarly placed us.

[Signed by upwards of 800]

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## ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I have perused with great attention the Resolutions of the Public Meeting at Three-Rivers, and I need not say that I receive with the greatest satisfaction, the Address founded upon them.—I acknowledge that you have spoken in them the language of truth, with the boldness which becomes British Subjects when claiming their rights.

A detail of the occurrences which have led to this manly and loyal appeal to His Majesty's Government, has been already transmitted to His Majesty's Secretary of State; and the sentiments I have expressed will be impressively urged by the support which your Address and Resolutions will give to them.

I am highly gratified by the assurance in this Address that my general conduct in the administration of the Government has merited so much public approbation in the District of Three-Rivers.

I assumed the Government more than seven years ago, in the most anxious desire to conciliate all differences, and work

sincerely for the public good.—That desire has ever remained undiminished : But I have been forced to defend the plainest principles of the Constitution, and the most undoubted prerogatives of the Crown, against encroachments.—You may be assured that I shall continue to do so, confident of the ultimate support of all His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in this Province ; and I only do an act of justice when I add, that in that class I comprehend a very large proportion of the people which has submitted to be blinded and misled.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

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To His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie,  
Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable  
Military Order of the Bath, Captain General  
and Governor in Chief, in and over the Pro-  
vinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada,  
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the Loyal Inhabitants of the Royal Borough of William Henry and its vicinity, viewing with entire approbation the measures of your Lordship's administration as calculated to promote the honor and interests of the British Empire generally, and of His Majesty's North American Colonies particularly,—beg leave to approach your Lordship with this expression of our firm attachment to those measures, and our determination to stand by and support your Lordship in maintaining the just prerogative of the British Crown and the rights of His Majesty's subjects, which we firmly believe to be the sole objects of your Excellency's administration.

[Signed by 97]

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ANSWER.

MR. STUART,

Do me the favor to express to the Inhabitants of the Royal Borough of William Henry, and of its vicinity, the pleasure I have felt in receiving the Address you have pre-

sented to me in their name—I trust that the Inhabitants of William Henry will be always assured, that notwithstanding the clamour, or abuse of faction, I shall never shrink from the faithful discharge of my duty, and thereby lay a claim to the approbation of every reasonable and loyal man in the Province.

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To His Excellency George, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, the subscribers, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of New Glasgow and its vicinity, County of Effingham, District of Montreal, beg leave to approach you with the warmest sentiments of respect, appreciating the mildness and equity of your Excellency's administration; the progressive improvement of this Province under your fostering hand, and the liberal system of Policy your Excellency is always disposed to pursue.

We regret and decidedly condemn the conduct of a faction in this Province whose tenets have a direct tendency to annihilate the Prerogatives of the Crown, who are deficient in the duty and respect they owe to your Excellency as invested with the Government of this Province, and who zealously seem opposed to every thing tending to enlighten and improve the Country. We applaud the uncompromising firmness and fidelity manifested by your Excellency in withstanding the machinations of these misguided men, and while we contemplate that some decisive measure will be adopted by the Imperial Government effectually to put a stop to these dissensions, we rest confident that it will be tempered with that moderation and justice that will not punish the innocent for, nor with the guilty.



We only beg leave to add that we are constrained by a sense of duty to come forward at this conjuncture to avow our determined resolution to support your Excellency in the exercise of Loyalty to our King, faithful adherence to the British Constitution, and the maintenance of public tranquility.

[Signed by 198.]

New Glasgow, 11th December 1827.

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Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable  
Military Order of the Bath, Captain General  
and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the County of Effingham, beg leave to approach your Excellency, to express our entire respect for your Excellency's public and private character and our approbation of your Excellency's measures in the administration of the Government of this Province.

Not yielding to the inhabitants of any part of the British Empire, in our attachment to those principles of our glorious constitution which are peculiarly calculated to secure the rights and liberties of the people, we feel it equally our duty to stand forward when occasion shall require in defence of the just prerogatives of the Crown; being fully persuaded that these rightly understood, are among the best of safeguards of the Constitution. We have therefore witnessed with great anxiety and regret the difficulties which have so long existed in this Province, even before your Excellency's administration, amongst the Legislative bodies upon financial matters, and we have deeply deplored the obstinacy and violence with which your Excellency's efforts for the adjustment of these difficulties have in the Assembly been entirely defeated.

We acknowledge with gratitude the attention which your Excellency has ever manifested to the best interests and permanent improvement of the Country ; and we deeply lament that your Excellency's various and repeated recommendations to the Provincial Legislature for the benefit of the Province, for the improvements of its institutions, and development of its resources, have been disregarded in the Assembly, or have been rendered unavailing by the baneful predominance of a factious party grasping at unconstitutional power.

We have viewed with encreasing concern and alarm the persevering efforts of that party to sow discontent among the population of the Province, naturally, quiet, loyal, and well disposed ; and to bring His Majesty's Executive Government into discredit and contempt among them by the sedulous exercise of all the arts of misrepresentation and abuse ; But we were not prepared for the crisis which has now arrived ; when by the influence of that party a majority has been found in the Assembly to deny and resist, as far as in them lay, one of the most ancient and undoubted prerogatives of the Crown, in the confirmation or rejection of the Speaker chosen by the Commons. We are convinced that in the exercise of that high prerogative in this instance your Excellency has been actuated by the strongest considerations of expediency and necessity, and by a sense of duty to our Gracious Sovereign, and to the Country ; and while we lament that the Assembly have, by their denial of the constitutional power vested in the Crown, at once arrested the course of public business in the Legislature, and violated in an important point that law and constitution under which they exist, it is to us a gratifying and consolatory reflection that the existing and lawful powers of Government will still continue to be wielded by your Excellency with a firm and steady hand, unmoved by the arts of the designing or the violence of the more open enemies of good order ; and we beg leave to tender to your Excellency the assurance of our deep respect and of our unqualified approbation and support in your determination to maintain the just authority of the Crown, and to exercise it for the welfare and happiness of the people.

[Signed by 54.]

Terrebonne, 17th December 1827.



## ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,

Quebec, 23d December, 1827.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to request that you will convey to the Inhabitants of the settlement of New-Glasgow and the vicinity, and those also in your own immediate neighbourhood, His Excellency's best thanks for the two addresses signed by them respectively, which he has received through your hands.

His Excellency is happy to find, that the population in the new and distant settlements, are alive to the discussions of public concerns, interesting to them as affecting the improvement of the Province and the government of it. It is gratifying to him to learn, that they place their confidence in His Majesty's Representative in the Province, and that they justly appreciate the value of that constitution under which they live in peace and safety.

His Excellency receives their expressions of approbation of his conduct with lively satisfaction, and he will not fail to transmit these addresses to His Majesty's Government as containing the sentiments of loyal, peaceful and happy subjects of His Majesty in this Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. servt.

(Signed) A. W. COCHRAN,  
Secretary.

The Hon. R. McKENZIE, Esquire.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Subscribers, Seigneurs, Magistrates, Militia Officers and other loyal subjects, Inhabitants of the Seigniorie of Chambly, Parish of St. Luc and vicinity, in the Province of Lower Canada, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency upon the occasion of the late Prorogation of the Provincial Assembly.

The course of measures pursued for some time past by our Provincial House of Assembly, as well in regard to Financial as other momentous questions, has been such as to produce in us feelings of deep and painful solicitude.

We have seen the Revenue of our Sister Province of Upper Canada unjustly withheld, until it became necessary to re-establish her rights by the interposition of the Imperial Parliament.

We have seen a system of temporary Laws continually expiring, or requiring constant renewal, almost universally substituted in the stead of permanent legislation, as if to reduce all things to which other countries have deemed it requisite to give stability, into precarious dependance upon the will of an Elective Body, which has been attempting to usurp the powers of the Executive and encroach upon the Prerogatives of the Crown.

We have seen Offices of Registry, such as exist in all English Colonies, and are indispensable to the security of Titles of Property in this Province, refused to the reiterated prayers of its inhabitants, notwithstanding the recommendation of Government in its favor, and we firmly believe, that if the present pernicious system of the House of Assembly should be persevered in, that this extensive Province, chiefly waste

and unsettled at present will be rendered unfit for the object which the Mother Country must have most at heart, namely, that it should afford the means of advantageous settlement to British Emigrants, and constitute an asylum and a home for her surplus population.

Lastly— We have been overwhelmed with astonishment at the sudden exhibition of a spirit of domination, a haughty disregard of the Prerogatives of the Crown, and a wanton violation of the Constitution under which alone they exist, which has been manifested by the Provincial House of Assembly immediately before the recent Prorogation.

We feel deeply that it has been to the power and Prerogatives of the Crown that under Providence we most chiefly ascribe the preservation of those characteristics by which this Province can be distinguished as an English Colony.—For your Excellency's measures and determination to uphold these just and necessary Prerogatives in their due and legal efficiency, we beg leave gratefully to express our heartfelt thanks.—We cannot doubt that these measures will meet the decided approbation of our beloved and most gracious Sovereign, to whom we can alone look for the future establishment of a state of things such as may render this Province a secure and desirable asylum for our fellow subjects from Britain.—While we thus gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's sense of duty in supporting the most essential Prerogatives of the Crown, and your unabated zeal for the welfare and improvement of the Country, we cherish the hope that the recent proceedings of the House of Assembly may induce His Majesty's Government to take our situation into their serious consideration, with a view of speedily repairing the defects and correcting the errors which past experience and the recent assumptions of the Assembly have tended to expose, and we also fervently cherish the hope that the firmness and energy which have marked your Lordship's conduct on this and other important occasions, will not be relaxed in the present arduous circumstances of your Administration, which we trust will be long, and distinguished by obtaining an effectual remedy to our grievances.

Amid these hopes, derived from your character and conduct, we feel assured that your Excellency will experience the noblest of all rewards, not only in the approbation of Our

Gracious and Beloved Sovereign, but in the consciousness of having discharged the duties of your exalted station, for the welfare and prosperity of His Majesty's faithful subjects.

[Signed by about 750 persons.]

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GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-  
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Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order  
of the Bath, Captain General and Governor-  
in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-  
Canada, Upper-Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects residing in the Parish of Laprairie and vicinity, most respectfully embrace the present period to express our devoted attachment to the Government, under which we have the happiness to live, and also our high sense of Your Excellency's dignified conduct in the maintenance of the Prerogative of the Crown, by the late Prorogation of our Provincial Parliament, as well as our entire approbation of Your Administration throughout.

We trust that the period is near at hand when the misunderstandings which have in a great degree interfered with the prosperity and improvement of this country, will be completely removed,—That Your Excellency may long remain with us in your present elevated station, and have the satisfaction of observing the fruits of your judicious measures, is our most ardent wish.

[Signed by 80 persons.]

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ANSWER.

E. HENRY, Esqr.

5th January, 1828.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address from the In-



habitants of Laprairie, which you forwarded with your letter of 27th December, and His Excellency desires me to express to you, and through you to the subscribers to the Address, his best thanks for this very grateful expression of their approbation of his conduct in the Administration of the Government, and particularly in the recent Prorogation of the Assembly.

I have &c.

A. W. COCHRAN.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable George, Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, His Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, residing in the Parish of St. Philippe and its vicinity (County of Huntingdon, Lower-Canada) beg leave most respectfully to Address Your Excellency on the late Prorogation of the Provincial Assembly. It has been painful for us to observe, for some time past, the conduct of the majority of that House, in their total want of regard for the Prerogatives of the Crown, and the true interests of the Province, which has been manifest in their refusal of salutary Laws which have often been recommended and solicited by Your Excellency, and by Petitions from the enlightened part of the community—that there has been a manifest trifling, and passing over with indifference, matters of importance, and thereby Session after Session passes over without any thing essential being done for the good of the Province, and that the general tendency of their conduct has been to misrepresent measures, thereby endeavouring to poison the minds of the public. We would further state that we believe that it is to the influence and wise measures of Your Excellency we are indebted for those privileges we enjoy as British subjects; we would, therefore, beg leave to assure Your Excellency that the measures you have adopted in the

Prorogation of the House of Assembly and other parts of your Administration—meet our unqualified approbation, (and for which we return our grateful thanks) and we doubt not but they will meet the approbation of His Majesty, and the Government under which we have the happiness to live. We would, therefore, entreat Your Excellency to use your influence with His Majesty and those in authority to take our situation into consideration, and grant us that relief and security, and place us in that state of independence and equality, which is our right as British subjects, and make this country, which we must now call our home, a secure and happy Asylum for us and our posterity, which in the present state of our Representation we do not enjoy.

That it may please His Majesty, long to continue Your Excellency in your elevated situation, and that you may long live to see effects of your wise and judicious administration, in the prosperity and welfare of the Country over which you preside, is our fervent prayer.

[Signed by 85 persons.]

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### ANSWER.

L. KIDD, Esq. Laprairie.

31st December, 1827.

SIR,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of a number of the Inhabitants of St. Philippe to His Excellency, which accompanied your letter of 25th instant, and I am to convey to them through you, the assurance that His Excellency has already submitted to His Majesty's Government the heavy and well grounded complaints of His Majesty's loyal subjects in various parts of this Province, who suffer from the consequences of the divisions which prevail in the Legislature, more particularly at the present moment, when such daring encroachments have been attempted upon the well established Prerogative Rights of the Crown. His Excellency feels it his duty to guard the Constitution and Government of this Province from all such attempts, and in doing so his best exertions shall not be wanting to obtain an equal and full enjoyment of that admirable Constitution for all classes of the people in every part of the Province.

I have, &c.

A. W. COCHRAN.



TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable  
 GEORGE EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-  
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 Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order  
 of the Bath, Captain General and Governor  
 in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower  
 and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the undersigned Inhabitants of Drummondville and of the adjoining settlements, have observed with unfeigned regret, the unconstitutional attempts of a Faction, to thwart Your Excellency, in your endeavors to promote the advancement of this Province. We therefore feel called upon to approach Your Excellency for the purpose of tendering our humble assurances of our unabated and unshaken loyalty, and to declare our attachment to Your Excellency's Administration, which has ever been marked for its wisdom ; and we also beg leave to express our admiration of Your Excellency's firmness on every occasion, particularly in repelling the recent daring attempt of the Representative Branch of the Government to deny the undoubted Prerogative of our beloved Sovereign. Recognizing, with gratitude, in Your Excellency, the able and faithful guardian of our rights as British subjects, and humbly hoping that the present expression of men of tried loyalty may not be deemed untimely, nor be unwelcome to Your Excellency, we subscribe ourselves, Your Excellency's faithful, dutiful and loyal servants.

Drummondville, 5th Jany. 1828.

[Signed by nearly two hundred respectable inhabitants.]

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### ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the Address from the Inhabitants of Drummondville and its vicinity, which you lately transmitted to be laid before His Excellency, and I am to convey to

you, and to request that you will express to the Inhabitants who have signed this Address with you, His Excellency's thanks for the sentiments it contains, assuring them that His Excellency well knows the character of loyalty and industry that belongs to the young settlement at Drummondville. His Excellency the more particularly regrets the present state of things with reference to that part of the Province, as it is in such young and rising settlements that the aid of the Provincial Government is most especially wanted, and would be most immediately felt.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

A. W. COCHRAN, Secy.

Major PLOYARDT and  
JAMES MILLAR, Esq.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable  
GEORGE, EARL of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dal-  
housie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand  
Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order  
of the Bath, Captain General and Governor  
in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower  
and Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We the Subscribers, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the Parish of Berthier, and County of Warwick, beg leave to approach Your Excellency at this crisis of the public affairs of the Province, with sentiments of dutiful respect and attachment to His Majesty's Person, and also with deep and sincere gratitude for the benefits we have received from his paternal, liberal and enlightened government.

We would also beg leave to approach Your Excellency with feelings of respect for those public and private virtues which

have shone so conspicuous in Your Excellency's conduct during the period you have presided over this important portion of His Majesty's Dominions; and to assure Your Excellency that we have ever considered those virtues a sure pledge of your ardent and unremitted zeal to promote and establish the prosperity of this Province..

We would likewise beg leave to state to Your Excellency, that if the many advantages that ought to have accrued to this Province, from the wisdom of Your Excellency's Administration, have not been realised, it may be attributed to the unwarrantable pretensions of our House of Assembly and their adherence to a line of conduct opposed to the Prerogative of the Crown and to the character and dignity of their own body.

And lastly, we would beg leave to submit to Your Excellency that, enjoying as we do the protection of a Constitution that forbids "us to believe that any political evil, can exist without "a remedy," although we must confess that the conduct of the House of Assembly has excited in us feelings of deep regret and solicitude; yet at the same time, having full confidence in the wisdom and prudence of the parent country, and also in Your Excellency's firm and temperate measures on this trying occasion, we feel persuaded that such arrangements will be pursued as effectually to preclude the possibility of a renewal of a similar state of things, and we fervently hope that it is reserved for Your Excellency to see this Province in the full enjoyment of the blessings of unanimity and prosperity, which have been so long the object of Your Excellency's unremitted exertions to promote.

[Signed by near 800 persons.]

Berthier, 16th January, 1828.

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### ANSWER.

MR. ANTROBUS,

I must request of you to convey to the Inhabitants of the Parish of Berthier and County of Warwick who have put their Signatures to this Loyal Address, my thanks and earnest acknowledgements for the approbation they have expressed of my Administration of the Government of this Province.

They do me justice in believing that the object of my anxious wishes has been to promote the public welfare and prosperity ; to conciliate differences, and restore unanimity disturbed by a few Factious men, easily found in all countries.

I have had great satisfaction in seeing by the language of this Address, as well as of many others recently received, that the conduct of these Factious leaders is generally condemned and reprobated by every Loyal and respectable man in Canada. I must further request you to assure the County of Warwick, that I shall spare no exertions and influence in my power, to impress upon His Majesty's Ministers the call made by these Addresses for effectual and immediate measures to remedy the existing evils.

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.



To His Excellency the Right Honorable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their several dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the same, and in the Island of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The dreary Forests which impede our free, frequent and necessary intercourse with the capital of this Province, are the only cause why our humble, though sincere tribute of praise, has not long before this time reached your Excellency.

The extent of the Coasts of the District of Gaspé, the impossibility of travelling at this season with facility and dispatch, for want of sufficient roads and bridges: the schooners being now on the eve of sailing for Quebec; and our ardent desire that this should reach your Excellency without further delay, prevent this modest instrument from travelling, to receive thousands of willing signatures.

So persuaded and convinced are we, of your Excellency's benign and paternal disposition towards our District, that we must fail in the attempt, were we to endeavour to express the numerous causes for our unfeigned gratitude towards your Excellency.

Since your Excellency has been invested with the high trust, and has exercised the great and weighty duties of Governor in Chief of the British North American Colonies, your Excellency has not ceased to devise all possible means for the improvement, increase and benefit of the District of Gaspé.

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We sincerely grieve that your Excellency has been in any measure thwarted in your good and wise designs and intentions towards this District ; and earnestly hope, we shall be the happy, the loyal people, who will long have your Excellency for their Governor in Chief; the worthy and able Representative of their Gracious Sovereign : and that your Excellency will ultimately succeed in effecting, what will make the District of Gaspé, all that bountiful nature has designed it to be. Then shall it be enabled to impart its own weight, and rightful consequence in Provincial concerns : and will for ever cherish, esteem and extol the memory and name of the noble source of its happiness !

We have the honor to be,

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency's

Most faithful and devoted Servants,

Paspebiac, New Carlisle, }  
and vicinity, &c. &c. }  
April 15th, 1828.

(287 Signatures.)

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### ANSWER.

CASTLE OF ST. LEWIS,  
QUEBEC, 23d. May, 1828.

SIR,—The Address which you have conveyed to me from the Magistrates and Inhabitants in Paspebiac, New Carlisle and vicinity, has afforded me great satisfaction.

I request you will do me the favour on your return there to assure them, that I feel a just pride in such testimonies of approbation, dictated by men uninfluenced by the false statements so industriously circulated in other parts of Lower Canada.



Assure them further, that I am still most anxious to draw the attention of His Majesty's Government towards the District of Gaspé and Bay Chaleurs, where the industrious character of the people offers the best return that can be derived from the protection and encouragement which Government shall afford to that country.

I have the honor, Sir, to be,

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.

To Mr. Justice THOMPSON, Judge  
in the Inferior District of Gaspé.















